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Left to right: Mr. Bruno Torti of Martini & Rossi; Wladimiro Calarese of Italy, winner in sabre; Gerard Lefranc of France, winner in epee; Mr. Joseph J. Lordi, president of the NYAC; Gene Glazer of the U.S., winner in foil. (Story on p. 7)

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EDITORIAL

News Item: Fencer injured while fencing without protective jacket.

If a child is injured while 'fencing' with sticks we know it is due to youthful ignorance and lack of supervision.

When an experienced fencer, in an established club with an accredited fencing master, is injured while fencing without wearing the prescribed protective equipment we are compelled to say it is due to the stupidity of the two participants and to a complete lack of discipline on the part of the club and the fencing master. While we may sympathize with the one suffering the results of such gross carelessness, we are also concerned at the harm done to fencing by him, his opponent and those who permit such unsafe conduct.

All sports carry some risk of accidental injury despite normal precautions but when we ignore the fundamental safety requirements of fencing we court serious injury and do a great injustice to the sport.

The AFLA has no control over clubs, colleges and the supervision that is exercised by fencing masters. It does have, however, the power to discipline its own members by suspension for a stated period. In our opinion this power should be used when reckless disregard of safety is brought to light by tragic consequences.

Club and college coaches must insist on "safety first" at all times. The sport can do without the crackpots who believe that fencing without a mask, a glove or a jacket adds zest to an exciting and safe pastime.

LATE DELIVERY?

We are advised that many of our readers had not received their February issue as late as March 6th. The mailing service had it by the middle of February and distribution was slow.

If you don't receive your issue by the end of the month of publication please advise Mrs. M. Rocko at 42-60 Street, West New York, N. J.

CHANGES IN AFLA DIRECTORY

Arizona: Chairman—Dr. Edward Sloth
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CORRECTION

The Southwest Story, appearing on page 6 of last issue was written by Arthur L. Wade. We printed 'Lane'. Our regrets to Mr. Wade.



DR. BARRY PARISER

No words can do justice to the courage and skill displayed by Barry Pariser in saving the life of a fellow fencer.

Nickolas Muray, former National sabre champion, Olympian and still an active and dangerous competitor at the age of 67, collapsed while talking to someone at the New York Athletic Club fencing room. Fortunately 26 year old Dr. Pariser, former N.C.A.A. sabre champion and resident surgeon at the Kingsbridge Veterans Hospital was fencing nearby. Rushing to Nick's aid he found no pulse or heartbeat. Without hesitation he borrowed a penknife from a bystander, made a six inch incision in his club mate's chest cavity and began massaging the heart. He continued the treatment while an ambulance rushed them to the nearby Roosevelt Hospital where an all-night session in the emergency operating room insured the life Barry had saved. The hospital reports that if Dr. Pariser had hesitated and delayed his dramatic treatment by more than a minute we would have lost a great friend and fencer.

We are happy to report that Mr. Muray is doing well and in fact had a fight with his doctors because he wished to go to the club, a week after cheating death, to watch the International Fencing Tournament.

J.R.deC.

Sabre Team to Poland

In keeping with the recommendations which have been made for many years, and re-emphasized after the 1960 Olympic Games, the AFLA is doing all it can to give our fencers frequent opportunities to fence in international competition. Less than a month after the NYAC International Invitation, a U. S. sabre team left for Warsaw to compete in the important international tournament held annually by the Polish Federation. Through the cooperation of KLM enough seats were obtained at the last minute and many days of hopeful preparation became a reality.

The group consists of Robert Blum, Michael Dasaro, Walter Farber, Tibor Nyilas, Lazlo Pongo and George Worth, with Dr. Paul Makler as chief of delegation. The competition was on March 10, 11 and 12 and we will report the results in the next issue.

KLM will also fly our entries to the World Junior Championships in Germany, which will take place from March 31 to April 5.

If we can raise the money to send at least some of our top internationalists to the World Championships in Turin, we will make 1961 the biggest first step toward a sound preparation for Tokyo.

We need your help to make this ambitious and important program a reality. A few dollars from each member will do it. Checks should be made out to People-to-People Committee and sent to Leo Sobel, 721 Walton Ave., N. Y. 51 or to this magazine.

J. R. deC.

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- (3) helped defray the expenses of the 1960 Nationals;
- (4) agreed to pay the travel expenses of Sectional Champions to the National Championships;
- (5) helped defray the expenses of the 1961 International Tournament held at the N.Y.A.C. and donated three permanent trophies to encourage its annual repetition.



COMMENTS ON AMERICAN AND HUNGARIAN FENCING

by Bela Csajaghy

Ed. Note: Mr. Csajaghy has been a fencing master for 28 years. He is recognized among the highest ranking masters of Hungary, was a member of the Technical Committee of the Hungarian Federation and has written articles and books on fencing and physical training. He came here from Budapest, arriving on May 7, 1960.

In this short article I set forth my first impressions of fencing in the United States. Inasmuch as I have been here only a few months and have only limited command of English, I offer these remarks not by way of criticism, but for whatever they are worth to those who have a more intimate knowledge of fencing in this country. When I first arrived here I made inquiries about fencing life in the U.S.A. from Hungarian masters who have been here for years. The answers I received were extremely subjective, varying according to the personal circumstances of each individual. Therefore, I shall base my comments on my own observation.

The National Tournament

I saw several minor competitions before attending the U.S. National Championships. It was a great disappointment to find that the national tournament was not well organized. I have had organizational experience with major competitions, including the 1959 World Championships in Budapest. In my opinion the appearance of the fencing floor, the seating of the audience, and the announcing of the results were inadequate for the most important fencing event in a great country like the U.S. I was really shocked at the primitive method of announcing results. Surely the AFLA knows what should be done, because appropriate scoreboards were used in the 1958 World Championships in Philadelphia. Well constructed equipment for this purpose would last for many years.

Fencing is not the most popular sport in any country but in a national championship final there should be several hundred spectators in addition to fencers eliminated in earlier rounds. At the U.S. championships I saw only the eliminated fencers and a few coaches. It is also true that the visibility was so poor that only the spectators sitting in the first row were able to see what was going on. Everyone else had to stand up. It should also be pointed out that there apparently was no effort to invite any high school students to watch the competitions and especially the finals.

The events conducted with electrical equipment were remarkably well run. In my opinion the Presidents in the finals were as good as the best in Europe. On the other hand, in the qualifying rounds (and particularly in sabre), there were too many grave errors. My impression is that there are too few well-trained officials.

The fencing in the final rounds was of very high quality—on a level with the best in Europe. But in the preliminaries there were far too many competitors of low rating who could not justify their participation in a national championship from a technical viewpoint, and who only added to the difficulty of conducting the tournament properly.

Training

After my arrival in the U.S. I visited the fencing clubs in New York and taught as a guest instructor. I was amazed that nowhere could I see airconditioning equipment. Both instructor and student were suffering from the hot and humid air. Another surprise: the epee and foil fencers were not practicing with the electrical apparatus, although I should think it obvious that the only efficient manner to train for competition is to use such equipment. A third deficiency I noted was the absence of young boys and girls. The answers to my questions were, first, that the club's hours were not suitable for young people; and, second, that there is not enough space for them. As far as I know, only the New York A.C. has regular fencing classes for children, on Saturdays.

Finally, I notice that the instructors come mainly from the amateur ranks and that there is no program of professional training for them.

Hungary's Method

Now I would like to outline the reasons why Hungary, a small nation of only ten million people, has been so consistently successful in fencing.

Modern Hungarian fencing stems from roots that date back to the 19th Century. The Austro-Hungarian monarchy established a school for military fencing instructors, which also trained physical education instructors for civilians. Fencing was compulsory in all military high schools and colleges. As a rule, everyone had to fence two hours a week, with additional practice opportunities on "club" days. It goes without saying that general



physical training, besides fencing, was compulsory for every student. This military physical education system, within Hungary alone, applied to the Military Academy and about ten military high schools. Between 600 and 700 officers were produced annually, all of whom knew something about fencing. After World War I the school for military instructors was closed. A new Hungarian school was established in 1926 and this institution gave the military from 20 to 40 excellent professionals annually, well versed in all branches of sport and physical training, who could also teach in the public fencing clubs. The remaining military schools continued to graduate officers each year, all of whom knew how to fence.

Although military fencing instruction was the hard core of Hungarian fencing, there was in addition distinguished fencing activity in the schools and universities, public fencing clubs and private clubs such as Santelli's famous "Salle." In all, in the years immediately preceding World War II, there were ten to twelve thousand young people who had learned fencing under professional fencing masters. Not all of these remained active competitors, but most of them kept up their interest in fencing and supported the sport.

The strength of this system is demonstrated by the fact that even though there have been no training courses for fencing masters available since 1944 (except for a few non-official experiments), and even though many instructors perished in the war or emigrated to foreign lands, nevertheless there remained enough professionals to train the competitors who enable Hungary to keep its place in the world of fencing. And the fencing masters who have adopted other lands are appreciated and respected for their knowledge, diligence and efficiency.

Today we can no longer speak about military fencing in Hungary, but the sport is stressed at many athletic clubs, colleges and high schools. Boys and girls, starting at 8 or 10 years of age, are receiving expert fencing instruction during the early afternoon hours or in their free time away from school. These youngsters participate in preparatory and qualifying competitions; this enables them to show their talents early in life and to become mature competitors by the time they reach their physical maturity. This is the secret of the tremendous success of Hungary, notwithstanding her small population, in the field of fencing.

Conclusion

I believe that the system described above can be efficiently installed elsewhere. I also believe that, apart from competitive success, it is worth putting into operation because of the many and excellent educational values in fencing. I hope that this brief presentation will promote and contribute to the development of the sport of fencing in my adopted country.

ROCHESTER

The Rochester Fencers' Club will hold their annual 4 Weapon Invitational Open Tournament on April 29 and 30. For further information write to Bout Chairman Paul Scipioni, 4629 Lake Avenue, Rochester, New York.

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THE N.Y.A.C. INTERNATIONAL TOURNAMENT

By Jose R. de Capriles

Nine nations participated in what I believe to be the most dramatic, best organized fencing tournament ever held in the New York metropolitan area. Thanks to the cooperation of Alitalia, Air France, and B.O.A.C. air lines, the strongest fencers in Italy, France and Great Britain were able to compete. Canada, Mexico, Australia, Colombia and Cuba completed the foreign field. Entries from Hungary and Poland were expected but did not arrive. Germany and Russia sent regrets that they could not participate.

The events were foil, epee and sabre individual, and a three-weapon competition. Capacity crowds attended daily, and the method of competition created a sustained spectator interest not found even in the 1958 World Championship at Philadelphia. Press coverage was the best since long before the War. An attractive program contained pen and ink sketches by Edward Vebell.

The individuals started with four pools of six from which 16 qualified. The results of the pools established the seeding for direct elimination. Bouts were for 8 touches with a two-touch margin, or a maximum of 10 touches. Thus within the 10 minute time-limit, victory could be earned with 8 touches if the opponent had not scored more than 6; otherwise at 7-9, 8-10 or 9-10. It is interesting to note that the three individual winners were undefeated in the qualifying round-robin pools prior to direct elimination, and of course remained unbeaten throughout the tournament. The prizes were well distributed among the top contenders, since France, Italy and the United States had a gold and a silver medalist, while Great Britain boasted of the only competitor to win two bronze medals.

The three-weapon team event was fought by direct elimination among France, Italy, Great Britain and the United States. The sequence of weapons was determined by lot with an interesting innovation in the scoring method. The first weapon was fenced until one team received 5 touches; the second until one team had been touched 10 times; and the third until one team had lost by receiving 15 touches. The dramatic possibilities of this system were particularly apparent in the France-United States and Italy-Great Britain matches; but the suspense in the final remained to the last touch even after France had won the first two bouts in foil and sabre.

Martini & Rossi, our already generous patrons in connection with the National Championships, once again demonstrated their genuine interest in helping to promote fencing in the United States. They provided funds urgently needed for the tournament and awarded to the individual winners beautiful solid silver statues especially sculptured by Karen Worth as permanent trophies.

The New York A.C. was a generous host, providing room and board for the foreign competitors, a beautifully decorated main gymnasium for the contests, medals for the top 8 individuals, and a team trophy. The Organizing Committee, headed by Jack Keane, did an excellent job on relatively short notice. The event proved so successful that Mr. Joseph J. Lordi, President of the N.Y.A.C. and donor of a prize radio for each individual winner, announced that he would recommend to his Board of Governors that it be staged annually.

Paul Reyes deserves special thanks for long hours of technical assistance during the foil and epee events.



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FOIL

1. **Gene Glazer**, US
2. **Albert Axelrod**, US
3. **Bill Hoskyns**, Great Britain

The first event produced some beautiful foil fencing and was an important victory for the United States. Gene Glazer of N.Y.U. fenced brilliantly to upset U.S. champion Albert Axelrod 6-8 for first place. The stylish youngster built up a long lead in the final, and only a desperate rally by our great olympic medalist kept the score respectably close. Glazer's undefeated record included a 4-5 victory over French champion Claude Magnan in the qualifying round, a comfortable triumph over Cuba's champion, Abelardo Menendez, and a squeaker, 9-10, over Dan Bukantz when the time ran out at 4-5. However, his most talked-about victory was a 5-8 triumph over Allan Jay, Great Britain's 1959 world champion, who had twice lost to Glazer in the Olympics and was out to gain revenge.

Axelrod started slowly, as at Rome, losing to Kwartler and Stein in the qualifying pool, but he gained momentum as he progressed, eliminating the Italian champion, Mario Curletto, 4-8, in the quarter-final, and Great Britain's Olympic finalist Bill Hoskyns, 5-8 in the semi-final. Hoskyns, the only undefeated qualifier, other than Glazer, had an easy time with Bukantz in the match for third place. The veteran Fencers Club star evidently felt the strain of two successive 9-10 matches, first a tense duel with Magnan of France which stood at 4-all when the time ran out, and then his other time-limit bout with Glazer.

Miguel de Capriles, president of the F.I.E. and Bruno Torti of Martini & Rossi made the presentation of prizes to the top 8 contestants.

Preliminary

Pool 1—**Axelrod**, US, 3/2; **Cohen**, US, 3/2; **Kwartler**, US, 3/2; **Stein**, US, 3/2; Andru, Canada, 2/3; Fajardo, Mexico, 1/4

Pool II—**Bukantz**, US, 4/1; **Jay**, Great Britain, 4/1; **Giolito**, US, 3/2; **Davis**, US, 2/3; Schwende, Canada, 1/4; Abaunza, Mexico, 1/4.

Pool III—**Glazer**, US, 5/0; **Magnan**, France, 4/1; **Menendez**, Cuba, 2/3; **Schoeck**, US, 2/3; Seeman, US, 1/4; Keane, US, 1/4

Pool IV—**Hoskyns**, Great Britain, 5/0; **Curletto**, Italy, 3/2; **Silverman**, US, 3/2; **Lazar**, US, 3/2; Bustamante, Colombia, 0/4; Grafton, US, 0/4



Upper: Dr. Daniel Bukantz vs. Bill Hoskyns for third place.

Lower: Gene Glazer is congratulated by the chairman of organizing committee, Jack Keane.

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Semi-final

Final of 8

Final of 4

FINAL

Axelrod					
Lazar		Axelrod 8-1	Axelrod 8-4		
Silverman		Curletto 8-3		Axelrod 8-5	
Curletto					
Cohen		Cohen 8-2			
Giolito			Hoskyns 8-3		
Davis		Hoskyns 8-5			
Hoskyns					Glazer 8-6
Glazer		Glazer 8-2	Glazer 8-5		
Menendez		Jay 10-8			
Kwartler					
Jay					
Magnan		Magnan 8-3		Glazer 10-9	
Schoeck			Bukantz 10-9		
Stein		Bukantz 8-4			
Bukantz					

THIRD PLACE

Hoskyns d. Bukantz 8-4

Halberstadt Foil

By Mary Huddleson

After surviving two 3-way fence-offs for first place, Harriet King won the Halberstadt Women's Foil Trophy. There were fourteen entries in the 7-touch bout competition. Results of the final:

Harriet King, Lucia, 4/1; Tommy Angell, Halberstadt, 4/1; Patricia Barkdull, Halberstadt, 4/1; Eleanor Turney, Halberstadt, 2/3; Emily Johnson, Halberstadt, 1/4; Shirley Canter, Unattached, 0/5.

First fence-off: Angell d. Barkdull 3-7; Barkdull d. King 5-7; King d. Angell 5-7.

Second fence-off: King d. Barkdull 1-7 and Angell 0-7; Angell d. Barkdull 10-12.

World Championships

July 17-29, 1961

Turin, Italy

17-18—Foil Individual

19—Women's Individual

20—Foil Team and Women's Individual Finals

21—Women's Team and Foil Team final

22—Women's Team final

23—Rest

24-25—Epee Individual

26—Sabre Individual

27—Epee Team and Sabre Individual final

28—Sabre Team and Epee Team final

29—Sabre Team final





EPEE

1. **Gerard Lefranc**, France
2. **Giuseppe Delfino**, Italy
3. **James Margolis**, U.S.

Gerard Lefranc, 6' 6" tall, champion of France, and a classical stylist, swept through his opposition by one-sided margins and climaxed his brilliant performance by crushing the great Olympic champion, Giuseppe Delfino of Italy, by an almost unbelievable 1-8 score. Typical of Lefranc's victories were those over U. S. national champion David Micahnick, 1-5 in the qualifying round; 4-8 over Pan American champion Wommack; 4-8 over Anastasi; and 5-8 over Margolies. The popular "Pippo" Delfino had flown in from Italy the night before and was not at his best. He lost to Canada's Bob Foxcroft in the qualifying round and had a close call, 9-10, against Regis King of the New York A.C., but then seemed to find his stride in disposing of Micahnick and Magnan. In the final, however, Delfino's normally devastating counter-actions were always a split-second too late against the razor-sharp LeFranc.

Jim Margolis of the Fencers Club, who gave Lefranc his hardest fight, captured the bronze medal by beating Magnan of France, 6-8. Magnan had entered the epee only because he was disappointed over his showing in foil, had qualified on a fence-off, and then had proceeded to eliminate Margolis' clubmate, Henry Kolowrat, 9-10, after the latter had gone undefeated through the preliminaries. In the quarter-finals, Margolis had defeated Bob Beck, last year's medalist and U. S. Navy pentathlon star, after Beck had scored a stunning upset in eliminating Great Britain's 1958 world champion, Bill Hoskyns, 6-8.

The presentation of the epee prizes was made by Leo Nunes, veteran N.Y.C.A. member and Treasurer of the F.I.E.

Preliminary

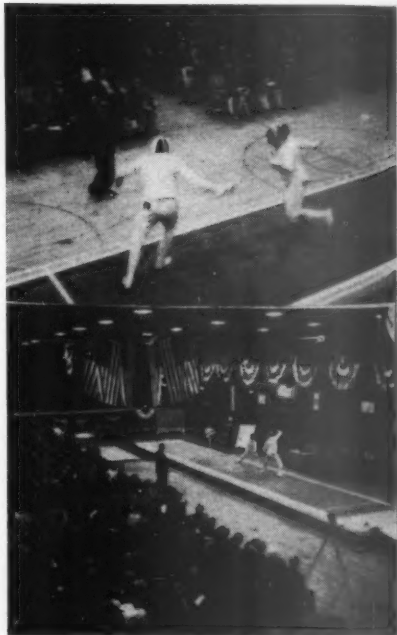
Pool I—**Delfino**, Italy, 4/1; **Foxcroft**, Canada, 3/2; **Anastasi**, US, 3/2; **Wommack**, US, 3/2; **Menendez**, Cuba, 1/4; **Andre**, US, 1/4

Pool II—**Lefranc**, France, 5/0; **Micahnick**, US, 4/1; **Beck**, US, 4/2; **Schwende**, Canada, 2/3; **Duncan**, US, 1/4; **Grombach**, US, 0/5

Pool III—**Kolowrat**, US, 5/0; **Hoskyns**, Great Britain, 4/1; **Mooney**, US, 3/2; **King**, US, 2/3; **Vebell**, US, 1/4; **Wolfensohn**, Australia, 0/5

Pool IV—**Margolis**, US, 4/1; **Lewis**, US, 3/2; **Alexander**, Great Britain; **Magnan**, France, 2/3; **Baconyi**, Canada, 2/3; **Spinella**, US, 1/4

Fence-off: Magnan d. Baconyi 5-4



Upper: Olympic Champion Delfino vs. Alan Jay (see p. 14).

Lower: Scene of the Tournament.

Semi-final

Final of 8

Final of 4

FINAL

Delfino		Delfino 10-9		Delfino 8-5			
King							
Alexander		Micahnick 8-6				Delfino 8-5	
Micahnick							
Foxcroft		Foxcroft 10-9					
Mooney				Magnan 8-2			
Magnan		Magnan 10-9					
Kolowrat							Lefranc 8-1
Margolis		Margolis 8-4					
Schwende				Margolis 8-5			
Beck		Beck 8-6					
Hoskyns							
Lewis		Anastasi 8-3				8-5 Lefranc	
Anastasi							
Wommack		Lefranc 8-4		Lefranc 8-4			
Lefranc							

THIRD PLACE
Margolis d. Magnan 8-6

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SABRE

1. **Wladimiro Calarese**, Italy
2. **Claude Arabo**, France
3. **Bill Hoskyns**, Great Britain

Wladimiro Calarese, champion of Italy and bronze medalist in the Olympics, won a close 7-9 victory over French champion Claude Arabo, who had finished 4th in Rome behind Calarese by a margin of two touches scored. The stocky Italian, regarded as one of the toughest competitors in the world, relied on his great athletic ability and continuous motion to neutralize Arabo's elegant sabre style. On his way to the final, Calarese had defeated former U. S. champion Daniel Magay in the preliminaries, Ed Richards and Al Kwartler before turning back Bill Hoskyns in the semi-final. Arabo had dropped a bout to Chaba Pallaghy in the preliminaries, but then had disposed of Abe Cohen and Bob Blum before his 9-10 semi-final victory over U. S. champion Jenő Hamori, which was the most brilliant bout of the sabre event.

For Hamori the battle for third place was anti-climactic, and he succumbed 6-8 to Bill Hoskyns of Great Britain. The popular Britisher again proved that he is one of the world's best three-weapon fencers, as he fought through a four-way tie to qualify and then put out two of the best young Americans, Michael Dasaro and Chaba Pallaghy, before bowing to Calarese.

The sabre prizes were presented by Joseph J. Lordi, president of the New York Athletic Club.

Preliminary

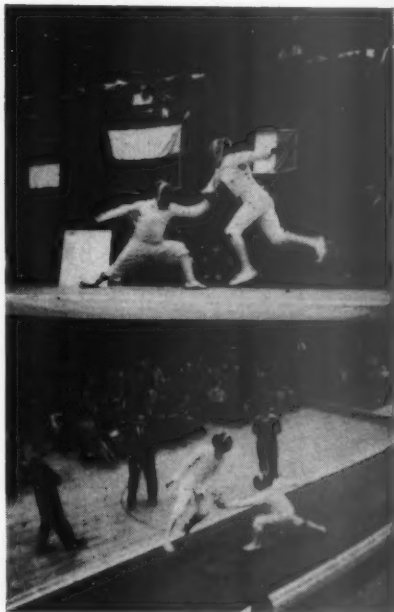
Pool I—**Calarese**, Italy, 5/0; **Kwartler**, US, 3/2; **Magay**, US, 3/2; **Pongo**, US, 2/3; **Milletari**, US, 1/4; **Andru**, Canada, 1/4

Pool II—**Hamori**, US, 5/0; **Worth**, US, 4/1; **Curletto**, Italy, 3/2; **Richards**, US, 2/3; **Schwende**, Canada, 1/4; **Pariser**, US, 0/5

Pool III—**Pallaghy**, US, 5/0; **Arabo**, France, 4/1; **Blum**, US, 3/2; **Farber**, US, 2/3; **Mayer**, US, 1/4; **Jay**, Great Britain, 0/5

Pool IV—**Cohen**, US, 4/1; **Dasaro**, US, 3/2; **Hoskyns**, Great Britain, 2/3; **Kemeny**, US, 2/3; **Fajardo**, Mexico, 2/3; **Krajcir**, US, 2/3

Fence-off: Hoskyns d. Fajardo 5-0 and Krajcir 5-1; Kemeny d. Krajcir 5-2 and Fajardo 5-1



Upper: Wladimiro Calarese vs. Claude Arabo for first place.

Lower: Bill Hoskyns vs. Calarese in the round of four.

Semi-final	Final of 8	Final of 4	FINAL
Calarese	Calarese 8-6	Calarese 8-3	Calarese 8-4
Richards	Kwartler 8-5		
Magay	Hoskyns 8-5	Hoskyns 8-6	
Kwartler	Pallaghy 8-6		
Dasaro	Cohen 8-4	Arabo 8-5	Calarese 9-7
Hoskyns	Arabo 8-5		
Kemeny	Curletto 9-7	Hamori 8-4	
Pallaghy	Hamori 8-6		
Cohen			Arabo 10-9
Pongo			
Blum			
Arabo			
Worth			THIRD PLACE Hoskyns d. Hamori 8-6
Curletto			
Farber			
Hamori			

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3-WEAPON TEAM

Won by France (Magnan, foil; Arabo, sabre; Lefranc, epee)

With each team represented by its respective champions in each weapon, France defeated Italy 9-15 in the final round. The draw called for foil, sabre, and epee to be fenced in that order, and the French won all three weapons, 3-5, 4-5, and 2-5. The fencing was excellent, but the final lacked the drama that dominated the semi-final matches.

Against the United States, France started with a 3-5 lead in foil and added a 4-5 advantage in sabre to lead, 7-10. At this point, Margolis faced Lefranc in epee. In a series of daring gambles that had the audience roaring encouragement, Margolis brought the score to 11-11 and later to 13-13, outscoring his famous opponent 6-3. Lefranc, however, recovered in time to make the next two touches that clinched the match for France.

In the Italy-Great Britain match, Hoskyns thrilled the crowd by starting the sabre with a 2-5 deficit and outscoring Calarese 5-6 to set the stage at 8-10 for the Delfino-Jay epee bout. These two men had tied for first place in the Olympics, with Delfino winning the fence-off 2-5. Any hopes the British may have had for a reversal were put to rest when Delfino again dominated Jay by the identical 2-5 score.

The N.Y.A.C. "Match of Nations" cup was presented to the winners by Mr. Jay-Ehret Mahoney, Vice President of the A.A.U. and a staunch supporter of fencing at the New York A.C.

Elimination

Pool I—France d. U.S. 15-13 (Magnon d. Axelrod 5-3; Arabo d. Dasaro 5-4; Lefranc lost to Margolis 5-6)

Pool II—Italy d. Great Britain 15-10 (Curletto d. Alexander 5-2; Calarese lost to Hoskyns 5-6; Delfino d. Jay 5-2)

Final

France d. Italy 15-9 (Magnan d. Curletto 5-3; Arabo d. Calarese 5-4; Lefranc d. Delfino 5-2)

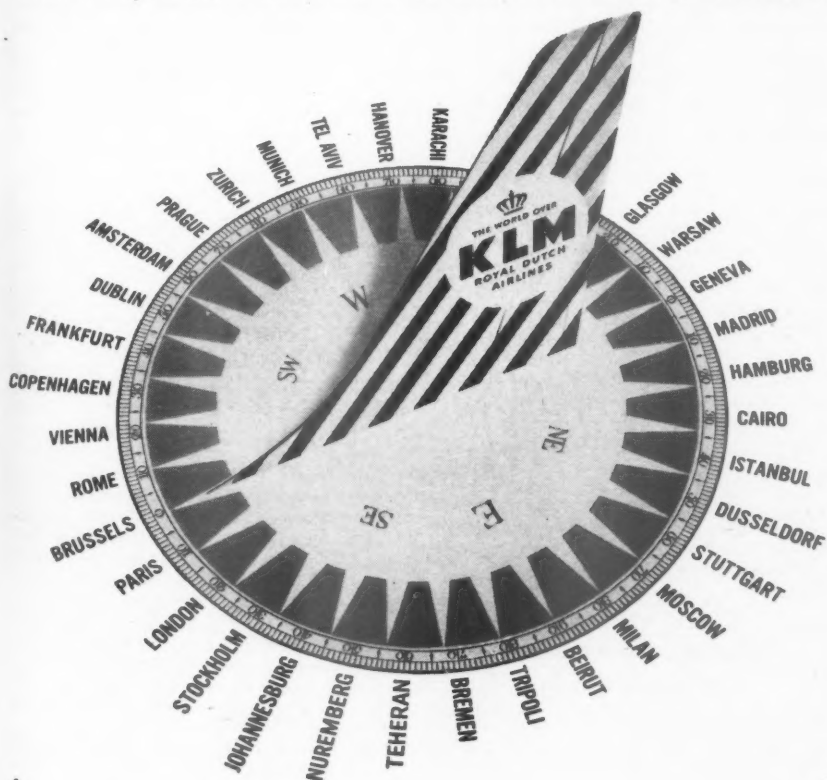


Upper: Bout Committee: Edoardo Mangiarotti (Italy), Jose de Capriles (US), Rene Mercier (France), Charles de Beaumont (Great Britain).

Lower: Leo Nunes presents souvenir medals to the leaders of the British, French and Italian contingents.

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Division Items

No. California

by Carol Reid

Women's Open: (1) T. Angell, HSF; (2) M. Jesseph, HSF; (3) M. Huddleson, HSF
Women's Unclass.: (1) W. Koenig, FFA; (2) A. Bircher, FFA; (3) C. Miller, SRF
Epee Open: (1) S. Pasol, LAH; (2) S. Mutschenbacher, PAC; (3) E. Purdy, Unatt.
Sabre Unclass.: (1) J. Green, PAC; (2) C. Reed, PAC; (3) B. Sheck, LAH
Introductory Foil: (1) W. Collins, HSF; (2) S. Small, SFSF; (3) S. Funke, FFA
Women's Introductory: (1) A. Bircher, FFA; (2) A. Partanen, FFA; (3) C. Miller, SRF
Foil Unclass.: (1) F. Frediani, LAH; (2) B. Sheck, LAH; (3) T. Zaccane, SFSF
Epee Unclass.: (1) D. Coleman, Unatt.; (2) M. Ferpozzi, HSF; (3) J. Green, PAC
First Year Foil: (1) J. Chakedis, SMFC; (2) M. Cassidy, LAH; (3) C. Shedd, Unatt.
Women's First Year Team won by Composite (Bircher, Dugan, Fenn, Partanen)
Women's III: (1) P. Barkdull, HSF; (2) M. Huddleson, HSF; (3) D. Holloway, HSF
Foil III: (1) L. Brownlee, LAH; (2) J. Green, PAC; (3) M. Ferpozzi, HSF
Sabre III: (1) L. Brownlee, LAH; (2) J. Tafoya, LAH; (3) P. Schwarz, LAH
Women's Handicap: (1) T. Angell, HSF; (2) W. Koenig, FFA; (3) D. Holloway, HSF
Epee III: (1) S. Pasol, LAH; (2) L. Brownlee, LAH; (3) E. Purdy, Unatt.
Women's Unclass.: (1) E. Johnson, HSF; (2) W. Koenig, FFA; (3) J. Garrett, SFSF
Foil Unclass.: (1) B. Sheck, LAH; (2) T. Zaccane, SFSF; (3) B. Bartholomew, SFSF
Sabre 'B': (1) G. Biagini, PAC; (2) J. Tafoya, LAH; (3) J. Baker, PAC
Women's 'B': (1) P. Barkdull, HSF; (2) C. Reid, Unatt.; (3) D. Holloway, HSF
Epee 'B': (1) R. Pinchuk, PAC; (2) P. Schwarz, LAH; (3) M. Ferpozzi, HSF
Women's 'B' Team won by Composite (Salisbury, Canter, Reid)
Foil 'B' Team won by Letterman Army Hospital (Brownlee, Schwarz, Frediani)

Western Pennsylvania

By Donald Barnhart

Open Foil: (1) William Thomas; (2) Forest Carter; (3) William Strathmann.
Women's Open: (1) C. Van Heeckeren; (2) Patience Blayden; (3) Gay Birkby.

Oklahoma

by Arthur Wade

The Oklahoma City YMCA tournament attracted fencers from Dallas, Dyess AFB, Ft. Worth, Kansas U., Oklahoma U., Oklahoma State, Midwest City, Oklahoma City and Tulsa. The results:

Foil: (1) Tom Bickley, Dallas; (2) Ed Sims, Dallas; (3) Art Wade, Tulsa
Sabre: (1) Tom Bickley, Dallas; (2) Oscar Parsons, Okla. City; (3) Bill Towry, Dallas
Women: (1) Alice Wade, Sr., Tulsa; (2) Alice Wade, Jr., Tulsa; (3) Marietta Towry, Dallas.

Alice Wade, Sr., in her third year of competition after recovery from polio, has won her last three meets. Her daughter, 13 years old, is in her second year of competition.

Our Third Annual Tulsa Open carried semifinal scores into the final round and proved very successful — more interesting and shorter.

Results:

Women: (1) Cele Newman, O. State U.; (2) Frances Duke, O. City; (3) Alice Wade, Jr., Tulsa.
Foil: (1) Oscar Parsons, O. City; (2) Tom Bickley, Texas; (3) Steve Farid, Kansas.
Epee: (1) Ed Sims, Texas; (2) Jerry Pearce, Texas; (3) Steve Farid, Kansas.

Northern Ohio

by James Gosline

Jr. Foil Invitation: (1) J. Rabb, Salle deKadar; (2) G. Anderson, Clark Recreation; (3) L. Koskela, Salle deKadar

The division now has ten active clubs and four colleges, as follows: Kadar FA, Clark Recreation Center, Estabrook Recreation Center and Woodland Recreation Center, coached by Menyhart Kadar; Fairfax Recreation Center and Karamu FC, coached by Leroy Jones; Akron YMCA and YWCA, coached by George Mutz; Cleveland FC, coached by Frank Aprily; Akron Turner Club, coached by Joseph Kitson; Case Institute, coached by Herbert James; Fenn College, coached by John Szentkiralyi; Western Reserve, coached by Menyhart Kadar; Oberlin College, coached by Michael de Golejewski.

We have started a monthly news letter, "Sword and Mask."

Central Florida

by Dr. John Shinner

Our first Castello Trophy meet was a foil team event. In order to equalize the competition, one member of each team was obtained from the relatively strong St. Pete YWCA team. Boca Ciega H.S. won with R. Colwell, J. Vaughn and R. Miller.

Prep. Foil: (1) J. Handler; (2) J. Law; (3) K. Poole

Women's Prep.: (1) J. Colwell; (2) S. Palmer; (3) C. Gatewood

Novice Foil: (1) S. Greenlaw; (2) A. Stiles; (3) R. Warren

Women's Novice: (1) S. Edwards; (2) H. Shinner; (3) S. Besko

Teen-Age Foil (Men): (1) J. Vaughn; (2) N. Morgan*; (3) R. Klingberg*. **(Women):** (1) E. Kramer*; (2) N. Gore*; (3) C. Gatewood (*) — Florida Gold Coast Division.

Junior Foil (Men): (1) J. Vaughn; (2) C. Fox; (3) A. Stiles. **(Women):** (1) G. Lane; (2) S. Edwards; (3) S. Besko.

Arizona

by Richard Landreville

Our first AFLA competition was held at the downtown Y in Phoenix and was for novice and advanced high school foil fencers. The results:

Novice Girls: (1) Donella Cole; (2) Mary Turnbow; (3) Janet Turnbow

Advanced Girls: (1) Antonia Atmore; (2) Gloria Grinditch; (3) Marti Walker

Novice Boys: (1) Mike Furguson; (2) Karl Pike; (3) Glenn Kelly

Advanced Boys: (1) John Chase; (2) Cliff Edmondson; (3) Roy Henderson

We are striving hard to develop fencing in the area. The Landreville and Klimek Fencing Academy is using eight professionals and (at places where no fee is charged) five amateurs to coach fencing clubs at: Phoenix YMCA, Mesa YMCA, Glendale YMCA, Farrell School, Judson High, Scottsdale Country Club, Paradise Valley Racket Club, Stevens Finishing School, Thunderbird Country Club and Boys Club of Phoenix.

Western New York

by Sylvia Zielsinski

Foil (at RIT): (1) Paul Scipioni; (2) Anthony Buzzelli; (3) John Capurso

Sabre (at RIT): (1) Arthur Plouffe; (2) Neil Cannon; (3) Anthony Buzzelli

Women (at BFC): (1) Marcia Richmond; (2) Gloria Schick; (3) Annette Woodams

Illinois

by June Hermanson

Foil Unclass: (1) Marie Brooker, LaGrange; (2) Frances Triplett, Mundelein; (3) Barbara Loesch, Calvert.

Sabre Open: (1) Larry Silverman, Calvert; (2) Ken Nordin, UFC; (3) Dan Havens.

Foil Open: (1) Mack Gilman, UFC; (2) Larry Silverman, Calvert; (3) Jerry Bodner, Wis.

Epee Open: (1) John Donlon, N.D.; (2) Larry Silverman, Calvert; (3) Mack Gilman, UFC.

3-Weapon: (1) Mike Fain, UFC; (2) Mack Gilman, UFC; (3) D. VonOppen, Calvert.

Foil Team won by Composite (Gilman, Venegas, Trebilcock).

Women's Open: (1) Carol Bond, Wis.; (2) Annette Sober, PK. Dist.; (3) June Hermanson, UFC.

North Texas

by Charlene Cunningham

Sabre: (1) Tom Bickley, Ft. Worth; (2) Bill Towry, Dallas Y; (3) Jim Willmann, Abilene

Sabre Team won by team of Bickley, Towry and Sims

Women's Open: (1) Ebo-Lits DeGall, Salle deGall; (2) Marietta Towry, Dallas Y; (3) Charlene Cunningham, Abilene

Prep Foil: (1) Vic Lambert, NTSC; (2) John Foshee, Abilene; (3) Ed Gross, Dyess AFB

Open Sabre: (1) Tom Bickley, Dallas Y; (2) Bob Tripp, Ind.; (3) Jim Willmann, Abilene

Open Epee: (1) Fred Fletcher, Dyess AFB; (2) Bill Towry, Dallas Y; (3) Gerry Pearce, Dyess AFB

Women's Novice: (1) Helen Keller, DeGall; (2) Helen Ingmire, Ind.; (3) Dorothy Reeve, Abilene

Foil Team won by N. Texas Composite (Sims, Wolf, Poujardieu)

Gulf Coast

by Edward Gause

Women's Intermediate: (1) Jean Thompson, Bucs; (2) Barbara Beery, Ind.; (3) Lou Gause, Bucs.

Junior Epee: (1) Ed Gause, Bus; (2) Burton Silverman, Rice; (3) Bailey Phelps, Rice.

Junior Sabre: (1) Alan Finger, Ind.; (2) Larry Weaver, Ind.; (3) Burton Silverman, Rice.

Junior Foil: (1) Robert Shelby, Ind.; (2) Ed Gause, Bucs; (3) Eddie Barrosa, Bucs.

Novice Foil: (1) Burton Silverman, Rice; (2) Bailey Phelps, Rice; (3) Buzz Black, U of FH.

Women's Novice: (1) Gayle Adamson, Bucs; (2) Nancy Tips, St. Johns; (3) Linda Freeman, Rice.

Prep Foil: (1) Ronald Lovett, Rice; (2) Edvardo Barrosa, Bucs; (3) Franklin Schroeck, Rice.

Prep Sabre: (1) Bailey Phelps, Rice; (2) Ronald Lovett, Rice; (3) Arnold Rosenfeld, Ind.

Women's Novice: (1) Pat Cloninger, Bucs; (2) Gayle Adamson, Bucs; (3) Doralice Fontaine, U of FH.

Kansas

By Ken Arnold

Sabre Open: (1) Frank French, Iowa; (2) Ted Hootman, Wichita FC; (3) Meredith Wilson, Kansas U.
Foil: (1) D. Edwards St. Louis; (2) A. Wade, Tulsa; (3) S. Farid, Wichita.
Women: (1) Alice Wade, Sr., Tulsa; (2) Alice Wade, Jr., Tulsa; (3) Betty Rummerfield, Tulsa.

Florida Gold Coast

by Max Lombard

3-Weapon: (1) Jerry Finney, deTuscan; (2) Sy Eisenfeld, deTuscan; (3) Max Lombard, Florio

Kentucky

by Paul Rose

Open Sabre: (1) Robert Hensley, Lex.; (2) Francis Wolff, L'ville Y; (3) Carl Burge, L'ville Y
Women's Open: (1) Mary Gehant, FCL; (2) Gigi Ivone, von Boross; (3) Margaret Gaines, FCL
Open Foil: (1) Scott Moore, Huntington; (2) Paul Ross, Lex.; (3) John Gehant, FCL
Women's Unclass.: (1) Gigi Ivone, von Boross; (2) Pat Moore, Huntington; (3) Shyrl Emhoff, von Boross
Foil Unclass.: (1) Jerry Cartwright, FCL; (2) Don Norman, JCC; (3) James Powell, JCC.
Epee Open: (1) Albert Wolff, L'ville Y; (2) Paul Ross, Lex. FC; (3) John Gehant, FCL.

LETTER

"The article in the February issue of American Fencing relating to Officiating and Sportsmanship is long overdue. I became interested in fencing at the advanced age of 35 with a previous background only in "roughneck sports" such as weight lifting and wrestling. I had always associated fencing with courtesy and rigid good manners. At the first big meet I attended, I was astonished at the childish displays of poor sportsmanship and abuse of officials indulged in even by individuals of national rank. Any amateur wrestler who behaved in the same manner would be thrown out by the officials and laughed out of the arena by other wrestlers.

I am certainly glad to see this matter brought to the attention of the fencing public since it is badly needed.

George R. Martin, M.D.
 Minneapolis, Minn."

Philadelphia

by Elizabeth Wheeler

Foil Prep: (1) T. Makler, Csiszar; (2) M. Bookbinder, CCAP; (3) R. Washington, EHS
Open Sabre Team won by Salle Csiszar (Davis, Freilich, R. Jones, F. Jones)
Open Foil: (1) M. Davis, Csiszar; (2) T. Balla, Csiszar; (3) F. Anger, PU
Sabre 'B': (1) T. Bella, Unatt; (2) T. Makler, Csiszar; (3) R. Jones, Csiszar.
Women's Open: (1) V. Wade; (2) C. Hespeneide; (3) E. Wheeler—all Csiszar.
Foil Unclass: (1) J. Hertsfeld, UP; (2) T. Makler, SC; (3) L. Levin, UP.
Epee Unclass: (1) K. McMahon, UP; (2) D. Mounce, SC; (3) R. Fruin, UP.
Sabre Unclass: (1) T. Pecsvaradi, Unatt; (2) T. Makler, SC; (3) W. Baker, EHS.

Middle Atlantic Intercollegiates

By John Feeney

Stevens Tech, continuing the success it has enjoyed since 1958, won the Conference Fencing Championship for the fourth straight year. The champions, coached by Cliff Kirmiss, won the 3-weapon and foil team titles while Johns Hopkins took the sabre and epee team honors.

Emmet Wallach of Stevens, successfully defended his epee title while Kobel of Rutgers and Merga of Hopkins finished in that order. The Stevens captain, Angelo de Vito, foil champion in '59 and runner-up in '60, regained his crown. Second went to Hertess of Rutgers as Lee of Temple placed third. The sabre title was retained by Hopkins' Dare Appell, with de Vivotin of Stevens second and Pollack of Temple third.

Summaries

School	F	S	E	Total
Stevens Tech.	21	17	14	52
Temple	16	18	11	45
Rutgers	15	15	14	44
Johns Hopkins	7	19	17	43
Haverford	16	7	14	37
Lehigh	12	7	10	29
Muhlenberg	5	3	11	19

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METROPOLITAN

by Barbi Brill

Sabre Handicap: (1) Steve Sobel, SS; (2) Andrew Kemeny, FC; (3) James Canvin, FC. Other finalists: Farber, Marcus, Alexander, Barry, Younger, Pfeffer. (Eugene Blanc medals)

Epee Handicap: (1) Jerry Halpern, N.Y.U.; (2) Mike Goldfein, CCNY; (3) L. Cinquegrana, NYAC. Others: Mooney, Melworm, Lamakin, Satzman, Blanquet, Haas, Bavuso. (Abram Cohen medals)

Women's Handicap: (1) Louise Neill, Saltus; (2) Jane Dardia, FC; (3) Sophie Parker, SS. Others: Pauly, Thomas, Schoeck, Saunders. (Marcel Cabijos medals)

Foil Handicap: (1) Herb Cohen, NYU; (2) Ben Schoeck, FC; (3) Marvin Grafton, NYU. Others: Johnson, Glazer, Russell, Reyes, Sollee, Cetrulo. (Richard Verderver medals)

Women's "C": (1) Louise Neill, Saltus; (2) Jay Reid, FDU; (3) Ann Thomas, Conn. Others: O'Reilly, Pierce, Singelakis, Baron, Gilverson. (Madeline Dalton medals)

Epee "C": (1) Alan Satzman, NYU; (2) Regis King, NYAC; (3) Paul Foreand, Princeton. Others: Carfagno, Gilliard, Lomakin, Canvin, Kulkin, Schoeck. (Alfred Skrobisch medals) 32 entries

Sabre "C": (1) Bart Nisonson, Columbia; (2) Stephen Krupansky, SS; (3) Hy Shore, FC. Others: Garbatini, White, Love, Roth, Alexander, Nordman. (Norman Armitage medals)

Foil "C": (1) Marvin Grafton, NYU; (2) Richard Goldstein, Columbia; (3) Herman Goldstein, NYU. Others: A. Goldstein, Lustig, Birnes, Hills, Adler, Canvin, Whiteman. (Silvio Gialto medals)

Foil "B": (1) John Mooney, NYAC; (2) Paul Forand, Princeton; (3) Robert Russell, NYU. Others: Seeman, H. Goldstein, Anger, Schoeck, DeMarco, Choy. (Daniel Bukantz medals)

Sabre "B": (1) Romulo Garbatini, NYAC; (2) Harold Mayer, FC; (3) Izzy Colon, NYU. Others: Reyes, Baron, Hyde, H. Cohen, White. (George Worth medals)

Women's "B": (1) Sophronia Pierce, SS; (2) Barbi Brill, Unatt.; (3) Madeline Miyamoto, FDU. Others: O'Connor, Kuzen, Neill, Pauly, Thomas. (Julia Jones medals)

High School: (1) David Kaplan, Clinton; Irving Adler, Bklyn Tech; (3) Joseph Nalven, Bklyn Tech. Others: Goldfried, Birnes, Tapman, Goodman, Ritter. (Edward Lucia medals) 53 entries

Epee "B": (1) Regis King, NYAC; (2) Robert Melworm, Unatt.; (3) Alan Satzman, NYU. Others: Benjamin Carfagno, Anger, Levin, Pongo, Grafton. (James Strauch medals) 32 entries

Sabre Team of 4: won by NYAC (Dasaro, Keane, Nyilas, Pallaghy, Pongo, Twardokens). Julia Castello medals.

Women's Team of 4: won by Santelli "A" (Maviglia, Pierce, Taylor, Terhune, Santelli). Dolly Funke medals.

3-Weapon Individual: (1) Ed Vebell, FC; (2) John Mooney, NYAC; (3) James Strauch, FC. (Leo Nunes medals)

Women's Prep: (1) Jean Cornella, Hunter; (2) Judy Fein, Bklyn; (3) Willie Fowlkes, Pat. St. Others: Canstein, Castello, Russell, Wilchinsky, Stegman. (Evelyn Van Buskirk medals) 29 entries

Foil Prep: (1) Herman McKie, SS; (2) Marvin Garovoy, NYU; (3) William Young, NYU. Others: Kane, Ware, Ritter. (Leo Nunes medals) 24 entries

Women's "C" Team won by Paterson State (Baron, Culotta, Pohlman, Singelakis). George Santelli medals

Sabre "C" Team won by Fencers Club (Blackman, Canvin, Kemeny, Shore). Allan Kwartler medals

Epee "C" Team won by NYU (Adler, Grafton, Russell, Saltzman). Robert Driscoll medals

Wash. Sq. Epee Team won by Composite (Farrell, Powell, Saltzman). Henrique Santos medals

Mixed Doubles (women-sabre) won by Jane Dardia and Walter Farber, Fencers Club. (Ervin Acel medals)

Sabre Open: (1) Mike Dasaro, NYAC; (2) George Worth, Unatt.; (3) Abram Cohen, FC. Others: Pongo, Farber, Pariser, Keane, Blum, Pallaghy. (Hungarian Sports Federation medals) 28 entries

Women's Open: (1) Vivienne Sokol, FC; (2) Madeline Miyamoto, FDU; (3) Jane Dardia, FC. Others: Schoeck, Wade, Thomas. (Maria Tishman medals)

Epee Open: (1) Ed Vebell, FC; (2) Robert Beck, USP; (3) John Mooney, NYAC. Others: Seeman, Powell, Bavuso, Benjamin, Bernstein. (Tracy Joekel medals)

Foil Open: (1) Marvin Grafton, NYU; (2) Albert Axelrod, FC; (3) Martin Davis, Csiszar. Others: Lazar, Mooney, Dasaro, Schoeck, Canvin. (Warren Dow medals)

Epee Unclass: (1) Joe Brodeth, Saltus; (2) Richard Coll, LI; (3) Alan Greene, Conn. Others: King, Freeman, Chaize, Back, Voorhees. (Ralph Goldstein medals)

Women's Unclass: (1) Paulette Singelakis, Pat. St.; (2) Dorothy Pohlman, Pat. St.; (3) Carol Simpson, Bklyn. Others: Cooper, Kuzen, Reid. (Eve Siegel medals) 22 entries

Sabre Unclass: (1) Otto Nordman, Unatt; (2) Dimitry Alexander, Unatt; (3) Waltz, NYU. Others: Beebem Devlin, Shohan, Konciak, Teninko, Gribsky. (Jose de Capriles medals)

Foil Unclass: (1) Marvin Garavoy, NYU; (2) Carl Ware, SS; (3) Ken Tapman, FC. Others: Ramson, Birnes, J. Goldstein. (Harold Goldsmith medals)

Women's "B": (1) Madeline Miyamoto, FDU; (2) Barbi Brill, Unatt; (3) Ann Thomas, Conn. Others: O'Connor, Wade, Mosley, Reid, Neill. (AFLA medals)

Sabre "B": (1) Romulo Garbatini, BYAC; (2) Steve Sobel, SS; (3) Andrew Kemeny, FC. Others: White, Reyes, Broadhurst. (Columbia Rapier Club medals)

Women's Open: (1) Madeline Miyamoto, FDU; (2) Anne Drungis, SS; (3) Pru Schwabe, Lucia. Others: Schoeck, Brill, Sokol, O'Connor, Dalton. (Nathaniel Lubell medals)

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N. Y. IS SOLD!

The success of the international tournament reported herein has convinced our largest division that proper staging will increase popular interest in our major competitions.

The Metropolitan individual championships will be conducted as round-robin eliminations on separate dates for each event until the field in each is reduced to eight. A grand final by direct elimination will then be held at the New York A.C. on May 21. (Epee at 10 AM, Women at 1:30 PM, Foil at 4 PM, Sabre at 8 PM). Admission for each event is \$1.00. High school students will be admitted without charge by presenting their G.O. card.

The Metropolitans bring together the finest fencers in the east and the new system promises to make the final events more interesting to watch than our round-robin National Championships. You all have friends who have expressed an interest in seeing some fencing — bring them to an event which they will understand and enjoy instead of being confused and bored after the first three bouts.

ANNUAL HIGH SCHOOL TOURNAMENT

Brooklyn Tech, coached by Bill Clarvit, won the 26th Annual High School Tournament sponsored by N.Y.U. The popular event attracted 33 schools from New York and New Jersey.

Joe Nalven paced the champions with an 18/3 record, winning his last nine bouts in a row. Irving Adler and Howard Goodman provided the strong support needed for victory. All three graduate this year.

We regret we did not receive the complete results. The other schools were: Abraham Lincoln, Alexander Hamilton, Aviation HS, Barringer, Boys High, B'klyn High of Automotive Trades, B'klyn Tech., Butler, DeWitt Clinton, Eastern District, East N. Y. Vocational, Far Rockaway, Forest Hills, George Wingate, Glen Rock, Henry Snyder, Hicksville, The Hun School, Jamaica, James Ferris, Kenmore-West, Morris, Morris Hills, Newark Academy, Pleasantville, Riverdale Country School, Seward Park, Sheephead Bay, Stony Brook, Stuyvesant, Theodore Roosevelt, Weequahic and William Howard Taft.

NOTES ON NEW ELECTRICAL POINTS

By Leon A. Wortman

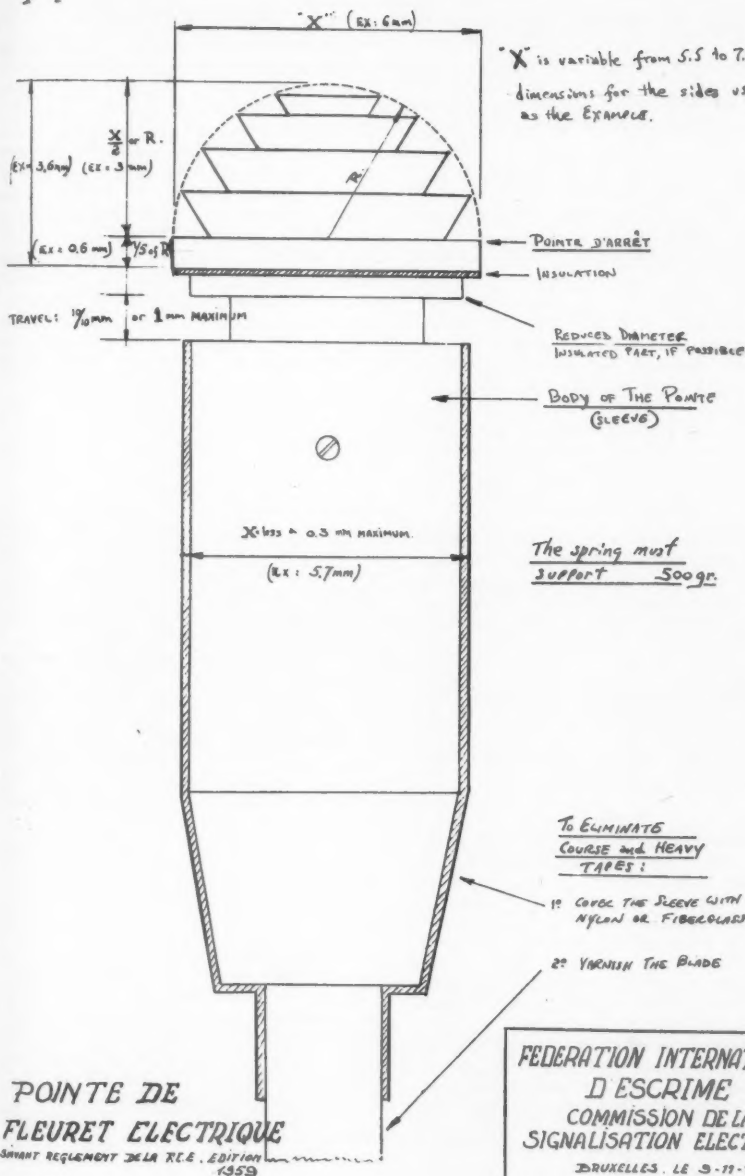
Chairman Electrical Weapons Committee

Safety and sureness are the two basic motives behind the continuing investigation and modification of the pointe d'arret. The pointe must be safe to the man receiving the "hit." It must give maximum assurance that a properly executed "hit" will register. The accompanying illustrations are intended to acquaint fencers, technicians, equipment people and bout committees with the latest requirements.

THE FOIL POINT

This is now mandatory for all A.F.L.A. competitions. The significant change is in the use of concentric rings instead of the "pineapple" shape tip. It is designed to "cling" more securely to the target, yet behave less like a "hack saw" when forcefully struck against a mask. The diameter of the pointe d'arret can be from 5.5 mm to 7.0 mm, measured at the largest (base) ring. The height of that largest or base ring should be $1/5$ th the radius or $1/10$ th the diameter. At the present time dimensions are not explicit for the 4 upper concentric rings. However, as indicated on the diagram, the leading edges or exterior corners must touch the outline of the radius when that radius is drawn with the center of the platform of the base ring as its focal point. Observe that the diameter of the body or sleeve of the pointe assembly is 0.3 mm less than the maximum diameter of the pointe d'arret. This is especially desirable. It is a good feature in that the nylon or other insulating material wrapped around the sleeve is less likely to extend beyond the diameter of the pointe d'arret. Such an extension could conceivably interfere with the stopping, sticking or clinging action of the pointe d'arret when proper contact is made with the target. If any of your weapons are equipped with the older large diameter sleeves (sleeve diameter same as pointe d'arret diameter), it is highly advisable to discard them; replace immediately with the point assembly shown here to gain maximum benefit offered by this regulation.

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Western Intercollegiates

By Erich Funke — d'Egnuff

San Francisco State College was host to the 10th Western Intercollegiate Championships.

The Air Force took home every team and individual title for men, while the host team won the women's event. Mrs. Funke d'Egnuff carved a mahogany relief of the head of Helene Mayer and presented it to the women's champions.

One of the outstanding moments of the tournament was the 3-way fence-off for the individual epee title among cadets Forrest and Wilson and S. F. State's Stenwick. Forrest defeated his two rivals and the bout for second was a perfect climax to the long day. Stenson, trailing at 4-2, evened the score at 4.4 just as time expired. Two double touches followed before Stenwick scored the deciding touch to the delight of an audience of more than 400.

Nearly 450 bouts were fenced in twelve hours of fencing thanks to the help of many AFA members including the 16 year old son of Maestro Funke—d'Egnuff of the host school, who made his debut as the youngest director in an official competition.

The trophy for the outstanding fencer, awarded by vote of all the coaches or captains of competing teams, went to S. F. State's Ernest Perkins.

The 1962 Tournament will be held at the Air Force Academy in Colorado.

Results

Epee Individual Trophy: (1) Gary Forrest, AFA; (2) William Stenwick, SF State; (3) Murle Wilson, AFA

Castello Epee Team Trophy: (1) Air Force Academy; (2) San Francisco State; (3) Pomona College.

Biagini Foil Individual Trophy: (1) William Ebert, AFA; (2) Ernest Perkins, SF State; (3) Don Martinelli, AFA.

Cummings Foil Team Trophy: (1) Air Force Academy; (2) San Francisco State; (3) Los Angeles Valley.

Visconti Sabre Individual Trophy: (1) John Wolcott, AFA; (2) J. P. Skoro, AFA; (3) Keith Keppen.

A. F. Academy Sabre Team Trophy: (1) Air Force Academy; (2) Los Angeles Valley; (3) San Francisco State.

Rossi Conference Team Trophy: Air Force Academy.

Women's Individual Trophy: (1) Helga Fenn, SF State; (2) Pat Gardner; (3) Susan Otsubo.

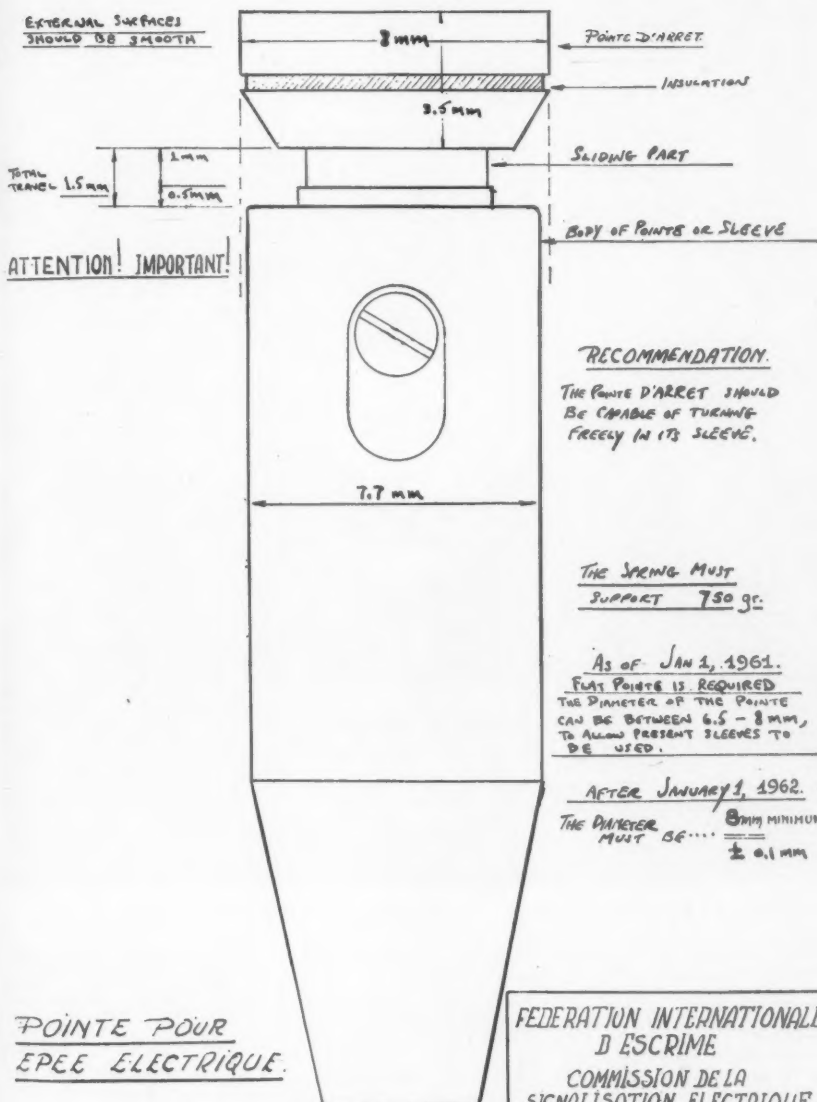
Funke Women's Team Trophy: (1) San Francisco State; (2) Pomona College; (3) Los Angeles Valley.

THE EPEE POINTE

Note that as of January 1, 1961 the diameter of the pointe d'arret must not be smaller than 6.5 mm, nor larger than 8 mm. As of January 1, 1962 the variation from minimum to maximum is restricted to 7.9 mm to 8.1 mm, with 8.0 mm as the optimum value. The sleeve of the pointe can be 0.3 mm less than the diameter of the pointe d'arret. That means that for the time being your pointe d'arret can be 6.5 mm in diameter and the sleeve only 6.2 mm. It also means the sleeve could be 6.7 mm while the pointe d'arret is 6.5 mm in diameter. It would be foolhardy to fence with the latter pointe d'arret because, as in the case with the over-taped foil point, the extension of the sleeve beyond the pointe d'arret could prevent the stopping of the pointe d'arret against the target, especially when the target is acutely profiled. Again, fencers are advised to check their pointe assemblies and take advantage of this regulation. "Travel" is measured for 3 characteristics in the electrical epee: (1) travel before the touch would indicate, (2) residual travel, and (3) the combination of the two travel dimensions. Because of the lack of personnel or time the "travel" is frequently ignored during the weapon-test period. Random inspections have shown large variations in the relationships between (1) and (2). I point out that it is legal to exceed the combined travel (3) of 1.5 mm. However, the residual travel must not comprise more than 0.5 mm of that distance when it (3) is exceeded. Further, the travel (1) must never be less than 1.0 mm. For example, when combined travel (3) is 1.4 mm, then travel (1) must measure 1.0 mm and travel (2) 0.4 mm. Should combined travel measure 1.7 mm, for example, then travel (1) must measure at least 1.2 mm, because travel (2) cannot comprise more than 0.5 mm of that combination. These requirements must be rigidly enforced in order to give equitable mechanical equipment to all contestants. It would be wise for the serious fencer to make certain that his travel (1) measurement is as close to the 1.0 mm as is practicable to achieve. Otherwise, when you say you "missed that touch by a hair" it might actually be so.

It is fun to fence, exciting to win, frustrating to lose a touch because of a millimetric defect in an electrical pointe assembly. Insist that your equipment suppliers guarantee the proper functioning of new or adjusted equipment in accordance with A.F.L.A. Rules.

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PEN AND PLASTRON

by Joe Velarde

NFCAA Education Conference, 1960-61

The NFCAA's annual two-day education conference was held last January in New York City in what the **New York Times** described as "the wake of a twenty-four-hour snow-storm that almost paralyzed the East." The conference got off to a shivering start on Friday, January 20th, with four members present. By the following day, twenty earnest participants were fruitfully engaged in discussions of problems facing our United States Olympic officials as they planned ahead for the 1964 games in Tokyo.

F.I.E. President Miguel de Capriles, U.S. Team Captain Ralph Goldstein, Olympic Coach Andre Deladri r, and Bob Beck, the epee-wielding modern pentathloneer, comprised the informal panel of 1960 Olympians. The primary theme throughout the conference was the role of the fencing teacher in contributing to a united national effort, regardless of the level or geographic location, that would culminate in the finest possible United States representation in future Olympic Games.

Several salient points were made that continued to hold up well as the conference members debated their respective merits:

Greater collective efforts need to be made to introduce more people to fencing.

Earlier identification of the "athletes," the truly talented, must be made. These fencers must receive the best instruction available on an individual basis.

Much more experience in international competition is needed between olympic years.

The major difference between a good fencer and an internationally great one, once talented potential and excellent instruction are united, is the individual motivation and drive to succeed of each competitor.

Individual personal sacrifices, manifested in making time for fencing, and maintaining disciplined physical conditioning, are two other major requisites in creating fencing champions.

Early selectees for olympic fencing squads; fencers, coaches, and other officials, need to be strongly motivated and charged with the responsibilities inherent in representing the United States in international arenas.

A minimum of two coaches are necessary. They need to be selected earlier, and spend more time with the squad.

A national plan of operation needs to be devised and implemented by responsible officials, in order to accomplish the aforementioned requirements.

The conference approached its closing moments with the question: What are the qualifications an olympic team captain and an olympic coach need to do the best job? While the specific duties of these two positions differed; the captain is the team representative and manages the over-all program, and the coach is responsible for the physical and fencing training, their respective qualifications appeared to be strikingly similar. It was felt that both must show firmness and fairness, have had extensive competitive experience, have exceptional knowledge of the rules, be able to communicate well and understand the "psychology" of the game and the fencer, and be an incisive analyst of fencing tactics. It became increasingly apparent that this list of qualifications was the mark of an outstanding teacher or fencer, at any level.

Quite obviously, the major responsibility for creating the **climate** in which these qualifications can develop falls heavily upon the shoulders of the teachers, professional or amateur, of young, beginning, and impressionable fencers on the first rung of a long, arduous ladder to success. **We fence the way we are taught to fence. We adjust and improve by observation of good example, and by good practice. We do not learn by being told to do something.**



SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

APRIL

- 9—Md.—Mixed Foil Team Towson HS 1 PM \$3.00
 Met.—Women's A & B Fencers Club 11 AM \$2.75
 New Eng.—Epee Championship MIT 2 PM
 So. Calif.—Epee Open Valley Jr. College 8:30 AM \$2.50
- 13—Phila.—Women's Championship (Closed) Central Y 7:30 PM \$1.50
- 14—So. Calif.—Epee Team Open Faulkner 7:45 PM \$7.50
- 15—**Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Ass'n Championship** Hunter College
 Gulf Coast—Sabre Open Team & Ind. Texas City 2 PM
 Kansas—Open Championships Kansas U 10:30 AM \$2.00
 Long I.—Open Foil Willets Rd. School 9 AM \$1.75
 No. Calif.—Women's Open PAC 10 AM \$2.00
 Phila.—Epee Chamupionship (Closed) UofP 8:45 AM \$1.50
- 16—Ky.—Three-weapon Ind. Championship Henry Clay HS, Lex. 1 PM \$2.00
 Ky.—Women's Open Henry Clay HS, Lex. 2 PM \$1.00
 Md.—Epee Open Towson HS 1 PM \$1.50
 Met.—Foil 'B' Perf. Arts 11 AM \$2.75
 Met.—Women's No Foul Invitation Perf. Arts 1 PM
 New Eng.—Foil & Women's Open Brandeis 2 PM
 No. Ohio—Foil & Women's Prep Fenn 10 AM
 So. Calif.—Sabre Sr. LAAC 1 PM \$2.00
- 21—Phila.—Sabre Ch. (Closed) Qual. for Nat'l UofP 7:30 PM \$1.50
- 22—Gulf Coast—Team & Ind. Open Foil Men & Women St. John's Gym, Houston 2 PM
 Long I.—Women's Open Willets Rd. School 9 AM \$1.75
 Met.—Women's Team Qual. for Nat'l Perf. Arts 1 PM \$8.25
 Met.—Women's Team Qual. for Nat'l Perf. Arts 1 PM \$8.25
 No. Calif.—Open Foil PAC 2 PM \$2.00
- 23—Md.—Sabre Open Towson HS 1 PM \$1.50
 Met.—Sabre Team Qual. for Nat'l NYAC 11 AM \$5.25
 New Eng.—Sabre Open Brandeis 2 PM
 No. Ohio—Epee Team Championship Akron Turners 10 AM
- 28—No. Ohio—Divisional Championships & Gala Night
- 29—N.J.—Women's State Championship (Closed) Paterson SC 10 AM \$2.50
 No. Calif.—Foil Team Men & Women PAC 2 PM \$2.00
 Phila.—3-Weapon Championship (Closed) Temple 9 AM \$1.50
- 30—Md.—3-Weapon Team Towson HS 1 PM \$4.50
 Met.—Epee Team Qual. for Nat'l FC 11 AM \$8.25
 New Eng.—Epee Open Brandeis 2 PM
 So. Calif.—Women's Open Leuzinger HS 8:30 AM \$2.50

MAY

- 1—N.J.—Foil State Championship (Closed) Paterson SC 7:30 PM \$2.50
- 5-6—Cent. Fla.—Division Championships St. Pete Y 9 AM \$2.50 each
- 6—Met.—Foil Team Qual. for Nat'l Perf. Arts 10 AM \$8.25
- 6-7—**North Atlantic Championships** Atlantic City \$2.00
- 7—Ky.—Sabre & Epee Championships Louisville YMCA 10:30 AM & 1 PM \$2.00
 No. Calif.—Epee Open Letterman AH 10 AM \$2.00
 So. Calif.—Sabre Open Leuzinger HS 8:30 AM \$2.50
- 11—N.J.—Epee StState Championship (Closed) Paterson SC 7:30 PM \$2.00
- 12—No. Calif.—Epee Team San Francisco SF 8 PM \$2.00
 So. Calif.—Sabre Team Faulkner 7:45 PM \$7.50
- 13—**Met.—Women's Open** Qual. for Nat'l Perf. Arts 10 AM \$2.75
Met.—Open Epee Qual. for Nat'l F.C. 11 AM \$2.75
 Phila.—Mixed Doubles Foil Team Mann. 2:30 PM \$2.00
- 14—Ky.—Foil Championship Men & Women Louisville JCC 1:30 AM & 1:30 PM \$2.00
Met.—Sabre Open Qual. for Nat'l NYAC 11 AM \$1.75
- 18—N.J.—Sabre State Championship (Closed) Verona 7:30 PM \$2.00
- 19—So. Calif.—Women's Team Open Faulkner 7:45 PM \$7.50
- 20—**Met.—Foil Open** Qual. for Nat'l Perf. Arts 10 AM \$2.75
 N.J.—Women Qual. for Nat'l F. Dickinson 10 AM \$2.50
 No. Calif.—Sabre Team Open Letterman 2 PM \$2.00

- 20-21—**Midwest Championships** Milwaukee
 21—**Met.—Championship Finals** NYAC Epee 10 AM, Women 1:30 PM, Foil 4 PM, Sabre 8 PM
 21—So. Calif.—Foil Handicap Men & Women Leuzinger HS 1 PM \$2.00 each
 26—So. Calif.—Greco 3-Weapon Team Faulkner 7:45 PM \$2.00
 26-27—Florida State Championships St. Petersburg
 27—No. Calif.—Foil Men & Women 18 and under Letterman 2 PM

JUNE

- 2—So. Calif.—Women's Team of 4 Faulkner 7:45 PM \$8.00
 3—N.J.—Women's Team State Championship F. Dickinson 10 AM \$8.00
 4—N.J.—Outdoor Epee Lambert's Castle 10 AM
 9—So. Calif.—Team of 4 (Women, foil, epee, sabre) Faulkner 7:45 PM \$8.00
 17—N.J.—Women's Open F. Dickinson 10 AM \$2.50
 17-18—**Pacific Coast Championships** Letterman AH San Francisco

NOTE WELL --- RULES FOR NATIONALS

Entries for team and individual events must reach Fred Linkmeyer, P.O. Box 564, North Hollywood, California, not later than **June 21, 1961**. Entries will not be accepted unless accompanied by the appropriate entry fee. All except Southern California entries (which are higher) must pay \$5.00 per individual event and \$10.00 per team. Entry should contain full name, address, club affiliation and division, as well as event or events for which filed. Filing a proper entry is the individual responsibility of each fencer. If you rely on someone else you must accept the penalty of that person's neglect.

Late Charges. The Chairman of the Bout Committee may, at his sole discretion, accept timely entries not accompanied by the required entry fee provided the entry is taxed an additional \$1.50 (individual) or \$5.00 (team). Similarly, he may accept a qualified entry any time after June 21, 1961, provided the entry is taxed an additional \$2.50 (individual) or \$7.50 (team). Timely entries not accompanied by required fee, or accepted late entries, not withdrawn on time will be billed the entry fee and tax if they fail to compete, and the member will not be in good standing until the bill is paid.

Competitions. A tight schedule requires strict attention to the following:

(1) Pools will be made up in advance and strips assigned ten minutes prior to scheduled starting time.

(2) Byes, if any, are given for the convenience of the Bout Committee in conducting preliminary rounds. NOTE: Any bye not available to judge or direct at the assigned time will be scratched from that event.

(3) Any fencer who fails to go on the strip when his bout is called—in team or individual events—will forfeit that bout at the second call to be made at the end of one minute.

(4) Team events, after the first round, will proceed by direct elimination to a final of two or three.

Equipment.

No fencer in dirty or unsafe apparel will be permitted to fence.

Epee fencers must wear protective undergarment.

Foil fencers must have a complete change of uniform.

Women must have a metallic vest which covers the groin (new target).

Foilsmen and women must have the bib of the mask not extend lower than the tops of the collarbone in front.

All body cords must have the standard three-prong connector at the reel end.

All contestants must have readily available for every bout not less than two weapons (and two body cords for foil and epee) which comply with the rules.

The AFLA will not provide equipment for rent.

No fencer may represent a division unless he was a bona fide member of the division at the time of the qualifying competitions (Rule 767) or at least one month prior to the National Championships (Rule 742).

See also Rules 672, 674 and 755.

METROPOLITAN

Epee Open: (1) Larry Anastasi, Csiszar; (2) Ralph Spinella, NYAC; (3) Jerry Halpern, NYU. Others: Beck, Bavuso, Melworm, Jackson, Byrnes, Sanchez. (William Costner medals) 37 entries

Epee Team of 4 won by Fencers Club "Purples" (Bavuso, Cohen, Maas, Margolis). Pieter Mijer medals

Foil Open: (1) Marton Davis, Csiszar; (2) Aubrey Seeman, FC; (3) William Whiteman, SS. Others: Lazar, Ware, A. Goldstein, Schoeck, Canvin, Brandeis, Gradkowski, Byrnes, Pauly, Anderson. (Joseph Levis medals)



JUNIOR WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Four of our best intercollegiate women fencers from Fairleigh Dickinson (Teaneck) went to the under-20 World Championships in Germany with their coach, Evelyn Terhune. Several young men also planned to enter the event which runs from March 31 to April 5. We hope to give you full details in our next issue.

After many years of famine, these last two months have been very active ones for us in the international tournament field.

DICK STEERE

Olympic foil fencer Richard Steere is now an admiral and is busily coaching two young sailors who hope to enter the Academy. They are O. D. Baldwin and J. P. Flynn stationed at Bainbridge, Md.

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